

YouthREAD 2024

Grades K-5
Bonus Book Selection

ECLIPSE

Written and Illustrated by Andy Rash

After hearing about the total solar eclipse happening in two months, a boy makes a plan with his father to go see it. They drive down and camp out, not wanting to miss the couple of minutes when the sun will be completely hidden by the moon. When the moment happens, being together makes it even more special.

Based on a trip that author-illustrator Andy Rash took with his son to see the eclipse in August 2017, *Eclipse* is a heartfelt and playfully illustrated ode to seeking out unique adventures and savoring the most special moments with the people you love.

Join our CommunityREAD by reading and sharing this book, then enrich the experience with these questions and activities.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

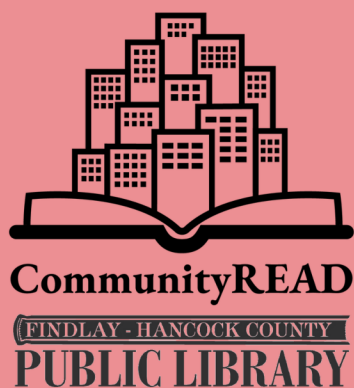
- What is a solar eclipse?
- This book takes place during the solar eclipse in August 2017. Do you remember that eclipse? If so, what do you remember about it? Did you do anything special for it?
- Why did the boy and his father wear dark glasses?
- What did the crickets do during the total solar eclipse? Why? What do you think other creatures might do during a total solar eclipse?
- Have you ever been camping? If so, what did you do while camping? If not, what would you like to do while camping?
- Think of an exciting event in your own life. What things did you do to prepare for the event? How did you feel after the event was over?
- There is a solar eclipse happening in April 2024. What do you plan to do for it?

ACTIVITIES

- Look up a map with the path of totality for the solar eclipse in April 2024. Locate your hometown on the map. Are you in the path of totality? What does it mean to be in the path of totality?
- Are you curious about what the solar eclipse in April 2024 will look like in your hometown? Use this map to find your hometown then watch a video simulation of what the eclipse will look like.
- It is very important not to look directly at the sun. One way to view a solar eclipse safely is by making a pinhole projector. Follow these instructions to make your own pinhole projector out of a shoebox. Research other safe ways to experience a solar eclipse.
- There are many other amazing events that we can see in our sky. Choose an event that interests you and learn more about it.



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WHAT IS COMMUNITYREAD?

CommunityREAD is a month-long community event that encourages reading and discussion. Each year, a different CommunityREAD book is chosen, along with a selection of YouthREAD books that explore similar topics and themes for younger readers.

The 2024 CommunityREAD book is *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly.

2024 YOUTHREAD TITLES

- PreK-Grade 2: *Hello, Star* by Stephanie V.W. Lucianovic
- Grades 3-5: *Hidden Figures* (Picture Book Edition) by Margot Lee Shetterly with Winifred Conkling
- Grades 6-8: *Hidden Figures: Young Readers' Edition* by Margot Lee Shetterly
- Grades 9-12: *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly
- BONUS BOOK Grades K-5: *Eclipse* by Andy Rash

